Summer 2026

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you have all had a lovely break and that the children are ready for a wonderful summer term when we hope that the sun will shine!

As usual, we are sending home a newsletter at the start of the term to provide you with details about the new topic as well as other important information.

This term's topic is called **'Superheroes'.** It is a great topic with some wonderful learning opportunities that are enhanced by some beautiful books.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development
Throughout this term the children will consolidate their prior learning and reflect on how far they have come from the start of their Reception year. They will consider and discuss in circle times, how they feel about next year and their transition into their new classes. They will talk about safety outside of school and how to keep safe during the summer holidays and begin to understand about stranger danger. They will also identify people who help us in our local community and discuss ways to respect the local environment.	Through oracy, communication and language the children will use new vocabulary they encounter through stories throughout the day. They will articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences, describe events in some detail, listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. They will listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	The children will develop their expressive movement through the topic of 'places'. They will explore traveling actions, shapes and balances. They will be given the opportunity to copy, repeat and remember actions. The children will develop their basic gymnastic skills through the topic of 'traditional tales', to include 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Children explore basic movements, creating shapes and balances, jumps and rolls. The children will also develop their ball skills through the topic of 'weather'. They will develop fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling a ball, using targets, dribbling with feet, kicking a ball, bouncing and catching a ball.

Literacy	Mathematics
In Summer 1, the children will learn from the story 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. They will sequence images depicting key events in the story and use the images to retell the basic storyline. They will attempt to rewrite the story in their own words. In Summer 2, the children will learn through the story 'Even Superheroes Have Bad Days' by Shelly Becker. They will focus on recount writing and a retelling of the story and independently use pictures to sequence and retell the story.	During the first half-term, the children will focus on counting forwards and backwards from a given number in order to add and subtract. They will count to 20 and back to 0, identify one more and one less, and compare and represent numbers. They will also look at the mathematical patterns of doubling, halving and odd and even numbers. In Summer 2, the children will explore how shapes can be composed and decomposed. They will learn to measure volume & capacity through investigation.
Understanding the World	**Expressive Arts and Design**
Using texts and maps, the children will continue to develop an awareness of different countries and talk about some similarities and differences between life in this country and other countries. As part of our 'Superheroes' topic, they will focus on people who help us. The children will learn about Florence Nightingale and why she is an important person from the past. In our Forest Friday sessions, the children will be looking for seasonal changes in our outdoor environment and discussing further changes as we enter summer later in the term. We will be hunting for minibeasts, using magnifying glasses to explore what we find and finding out interesting facts about minibeasts through games and creative activities. Next half term our focus will be on plants and flowers. The children will plant seeds, observe their growth and discuss what plants need to survive.	In our Art and DT lessons, we will be using our 'Superheroes' topic to inspire us. We will be creating Supertato, making the Evil Pea and we will be following the process of design, make an evaluate when creating our own superhero mask! In Summer 1, we will complete a programme of music all about 'Our World', exploring animals, minibeasts, night and day, seaside, seasons, weather, sea and space. In Summer 2, we will focus on 'Big Bear Funk' as a transition unit to prepare children for their musical learning in Year 1.

Dojo

We will continue to use class dojo as a way of rewarding the children's excellent effort in school. The children earn Dojo points throughout the week and will be rewarded with a certificate in class if they win the highest number of points. Additionally, the winning house will wear own clothes on Mondays. Please check the sway which will be sent home on a Friday.

Water Bottles

Throughout the day the children are encouraged to drink water and can refill their bottle at any point. Frequent access to water improves concentration and encourages good health. **Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.**

PE

PE lessons continue to be on the same days as last term (Monday and Wednesday). One outdoors and one indoors. **Please return your child's PE kit as soon as possible.** For safety reasons, please ensure children have long hair tied back and any earrings that cannot be removed will be covered with tape.

Homework

Reading is our main priority in the Early Years. Your child will continue to bring home a weekly reading book as well as having a book added to their eBook library related to the level they are working at in phonics. They have all recently been assessed and you may find they have changed colour bands. Thank you for the support you show with regards to commenting in your child's reading record. It is invaluable to teachers to know that your child is receiving support from home in reading.

Please aim to read with your child for 15 minutes every night as well as reading to them.

We hope your child is enjoying access to NumBots. It will help to improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. We recommend that children play regularly for short bursts at a time.

Busy Bee Books will continue to provide a crucial link between home and school. The children really enjoy sharing their news with the rest of the class and it is a lovely opportunity to hear about the children's hobbies and activities outside of school.

The 'Wow' factor

As a school we are always keen to ensure we provide enrichment activities that increase the children's interest in their learning. This term we have planned a trip to **Reddish Vale Farm** on **Wednesday 29th April**. Please remember to read the weekly sway, to keep up to date with other events that will be happening within school.

Polite reminders:

*Please remember a filled water bottle, a waterproof coat and your child's book bag, reading book and reading record each day.

* Please do NOT send in rucksacks as we do not have the space to store them. The corridor is narrow and when the children have coats and rucksacks on their peg they inevitably fall off and can then cause a trip hazard.

*On hot days, please apply sun cream to your child before sending them to school.

*Please name any sun hats that are sent into school.

We look forward to a lovely summer term and thank you for your continued support.

EYFS team